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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1340th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	(closed meeting)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.22, L.24, L.25)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84] (A/51/13, A/51/369, A/51/370, A/51/371, A/51/439, A/51/476, A/51/495, A/51/509, A/50/915-S/1996/235.)

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]: draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part IV), chap. VII, para. 16).

3. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands: Amendments A/C.4/51/L.11; draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part VI), chap. X, para. 17).

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/ 194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/ 10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13, A/C.3/51/15, A/C.3/51/16*)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

   Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13, A/C.3/51/15, A/C.3/51/16*)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

   Continuation of general discussion

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.40 and L.41

* To be issued.

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6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/51/L.37 and L.38

7. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/L.23/Rev.1 and L.27/Rev.1

8. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.33 and L.34/Rev.1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/49/368, A/49/943, A/50/985, A/C.5/50/51, A/51/5 Vols.I-IV, A/51/5/Add.1-10, A/51/283, A/51/488 and Add.1-2, A/51/523 and A/51/533))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 2

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [143] (A/51/257 and Add.1)

Informal consultations

Afternoon*	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on a draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

* Following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on a draft resolution concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

2. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/51/30)

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

3 p.m.- 3.30 p.m.	179th meeting	Conference Room 7

Consideration of the draft recommendations contained in paragraph 67 (d) of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.154/1996/CRP.2)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 22 November 1996

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: population and industrial cooperation for development)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: external debt crisis and development)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION

First session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: global financial integration)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS (PROGRAMME 19)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on General Assembly Plenary agenda items)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism *today*, 22 November 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Forum

The United Nations World Television Forum, jointly organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and RAI (Radio-televisione Italiana), will continue *today*, 22 November 1996, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Briefings

The Chairperson of the Open-ended Working Group of the Commission on the Status of Women on the elaboration of a draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Ms. Aloisa Wöergetter (Austria), will hold a briefing session *today*, 22 November 1996, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Ms. Donna Sullivan (Centre for Women's Global Leadership) will be the speaker. All delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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There will be a special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on some of the basic concepts of the salary system for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on *today*, 22 November 1996, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP) will be held *today*, 22 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 25 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The list of speakers for the general debate (scheduled for 25 and 26 November 1996) of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, to be held in Geneva (from 25 November to 6 December 1996) is open for inscription.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the BWC (Mr. Sola Ogunbanwo, Provisional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, BWC Secretariat, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (tel. : 022-9173644, fax: 022-9170296, room A-598)).

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The 225th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 26 November 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thurs-day, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, to hear briefings by: (a) the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on the Special session of the General Assembly on Agenda 21; (b) the President of the General Assembly; and (c) the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) **18th meeting**

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Georgia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Jordan and Fiji.

Draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement on programme budget implications relating to A/C.4/51/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), China and Costa Rica.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Ireland.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States requesting for a 24-hour deferral of consideration of the draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, the Committee decided, upon the proposal by the Chairman, to continue consideration of the draft resolution at a later meeting.

*Draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.10**

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine then introduced draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.10*, in the course of which he introduced oral revisions to the draft.

The Chairman announced that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee decided to take action on draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.10*, as orally revised.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.10*, as orally revised, without a vote.

Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination [89]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, introduced amendments A/C.4/51/L.2 to the draft resolution on foreign economic interests (A/51/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 12).

The representative of Papua New Guinea, in his capacity as Acting Chairman of the Special Committee of 24, in the course of his statement, introduced further amendments to A/C.4/51/L.2.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Cuba, China and Colombia.

The representative of Ireland responded to a question posed to him by the Chairman.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement regarding the proposal made by the Chairman.

Document A/C.4/51/L.2

The representative of Cuba requested for a recorded vote on the amendments.

The Committee took action on the amendments, submitted by Ireland, on behalf of the European Union, contained in document A/C.4/51/L.2, as follows:

By a recorded vote of 49 to 56, with 18 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 1.

By a recorded vote of 46 to 62, with 17 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 2.

By a recorded vote of 46 to 68, with 12 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 3.

By a recorded vote of 47 to 66, with 12 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 4.

By a recorded vote of 47 to 66, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 5.

The Committee adopted the amendment, as further orally amended, contained in paragraph 6, without a vote.

By a recorded vote of 45 to 66, with 14 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 7.

By a recorded vote of 46 to 62, with 13 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 8 (a).

By a recorded vote of 47 to 66, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 8 (b).

By a recorded vote of 45 to 65, with 13 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 8 (c).

By a recorded vote of 48 to 64, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 9.

By a recorded vote of 48 to 65, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 10 (a).

By a recorded vote of 48 to 64, with 12 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 10 (b).

By a recorded vote of 48 to 66, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 11 (a).

By a recorded vote of 45 to 65, with 12 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 11 (b).

By a recorded vote of 48 to 65, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 12.

By a recorded vote of 48 to 66, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 13.

By a recorded vote of 45 to 69, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 14.

By a recorded vote of 46 to 68, with 12 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 15.

By a recorded vote of 46 to 69, with 11 abstentions, the Committee did not adopt the amendment contained in paragraph 16.

A/51/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 12

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, contained in A/51/23 (Part III), chapter V, paragraph 12, as a whole, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 87 to 44, with no abstention.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration [19]

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/51/23 (Part III), chapter VI, paragraph 11, by a recorded vote of 87 to 46, with no abstention.

Organization of work

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Friday, 22 November, at 12 noon, as the deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and agenda item 85 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

THIRD COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Belarus and Tunisia.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37

The representative of Uruguay introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed on the document, as well as Australia, Cape Verde, Fiji, Singapore, Swaziland and Ukraine.

The representative of Uruguay then announced that Jamaica was sponsoring the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and that the names of Uruguay and Venezuela should therefore be deleted from the list of sponsors.

Subsequently, the Marshall Islands, Viet Nam, Guatemala and Bulgaria joined as co-sponsors to the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item 110 (a).

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.33

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. It was announced that Bulgaria and Portugal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statement by the Chairman of the Working Group of the Third Committee

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Third Committee made a statement. On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Plenary of the General Assembly that item 110(b) be kept open in order that the Working Group of the Third Committee might continue its work in 1997.

46th meeting

Note: The summary of the 46th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/229).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

56th meeting

Elections [14]

The Council continued consideration of agenda item 14.

Committee on New and Renewable Source of Energy and on Energy for Development

The Council had before it document E/1996/L.15/Add.3.

The Council elected by acclamation Mr. William Michael Mebane (Italy) and Mr. Dmitri B. Volfberg (Russian Federation) to serve on the Committee for a term beginning on 1 January 1997.

Committee on Natural Resources

The Council had before it document E/1996/L.13/Add.3.

The Council elected by acclamation Mr. Vladislav M. Dolgopolov (Russian Federation) to serve on the Committee for a term beginning on 1 January 1997.

Commission on Human Settlements

The Council elected Belarus by acclamation to serve on the Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

The Council thus concluded consideration of agenda item 14.

Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to general Assembly resolution 50/106 [6]

(i) Business and development

*Action on draft resolution E/1996/L.26/Rev.2**

The Council continued consideration of the item and had before it documents E/1996/L.26/Rev.2* and E/1996/L.56.

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

The representative of the United States of America informed the Council that the following States had joined in sponsoring of the draft resolution: Brazil, Chile, Pakistan, Peru, Mozambique and Uruguay. The representative of Côte d'Ivoire subsequently informed the Council that his Government was also joining in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States then orally revised the text.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) informed the Council that on the basis of the consensus reached on the text contained in document E/1996/L.26/Rev.2*, as orally revised, the amendments set out in document E/1996/L.56 were withdrawn.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Colombia, Australia, China, Egypt, the United States, Lebanon, South Africa, Czech Republic, Japan, the Central African Republic, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

The Council thus concluded consideration of agenda item 6(i) and of agenda item 6 as a whole.

Non-governmental organizations [10]

Action on draft decision E/1996/L.57 (Programme budget implications in E/1996/L.58)

The Council continued consideration of the item and was informed that a statement of programme budget implications was contained in document E/1996/L.58.

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation, China and the Congo.

The representative of the United States took the floor on a point of order.

The meeting was suspended.

The representative of Germany then read out an oral decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Tunisia, the United States, China and Germany.

The representative of the Russian Federation took the floor on a point of order.

The Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (DPCSD) responded to questions raised and indicated that the Secretariat agreed to provide, to the organizational session for the Economic and Social Council, an assessment of ways and means to deal with the documentation requests emanating from the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations for its session in 1997.

On the proposal of the President, the Council decided to postpone consideration of the matter to the organizational session for 1997.

The Council then took note of the report contained in document E/1996/102.

The Council thus concluded consideration of agenda item 10.

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [13]

The Council continued consideration of agenda item 13.

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Karel Kovanda (Czech Republic), informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held on the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the Czech Republic and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs of DPCSD made a statement and indicated that the Secretariat agreed to prepare a revised draft agenda for the 1997 session of the Council based on the recommendations of General Assembly resolution 50/227.

On the proposal of the President, the Council decided to postpone consideration of the matter to the organizational session for 1997.

The Council thus concluded consideration of agenda item 13.

The President declared closed the substantive session of the Council of 1996.

Thursday, 21 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

62nd plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/172-E/1996/77);

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/213, A/51/303, A/51/315, A/51/326, A/51/353, A/51/356, A/51/464, A/51/528 and A/51/560);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22 and L.24)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian People: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/171-E/1996/75)

The representative of Bulgaria made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.22.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.24.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia), Norway, Lebanon, China, Mozambique, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Russian Federation, Japan, the Sudan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Liberia and Belarus.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed of the following additions to its programme of work contained in document A/INF/51/3/Rev.1/Add.2: on Wednesday, 27 November, in the morning, the Assembly would consider agenda item 42 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity), agenda item 26 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) and agenda item 159 (Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion).

63rd plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/172-E/1996/77)*

(b) *Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/213, A/51/303, A/51/315, A/51/326, A/51/353, A/51/356, A/51/464, A/51/528 and A/51/560)*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22 and L.24)*

(d) *Assistance to the Palestinian People: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/171-E/1996/75)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Malaysia, Argentina, Egypt, Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The President also informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolutions A/51/L.22 and A/51/L.24 and any other draft resolutions to be submitted under this item would be taken at a later date to be announced.

The President further informed the Assembly that the Assembly would consider sub-item (c) of agenda item 21 (Emergency assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan) at a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that on Wednesday, 27 November, at 9.30 a.m., in Conference Room 4, the General Committee would meet to consider a request by a number of countries for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration" (A/51/232).

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Note: The summary of the 47th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/229).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement.

The Auditor-General of Ghana and Chairman of the Board of Auditors made a concluding statement.

The Assistant Administrator and Director for the Bureau for Finance and Administration for the United Nations Development Programme, the Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Administration for the United Nations Population Fund, the Deputy Executive Director for the United Nations Children's Fund and the Deputy Director for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made statements.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [117]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision that the Committee take note of the reports contained in documents A/51/505 and A/51/523.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision as proposed by the Chairman.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Canada, Algeria, Uganda, the United States and Pakistan.

The Deputy Director for the Peace-keeping Financing Division and the representative of the Field Administration and Logistics Division of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations responded to questions posed.

Human resources management [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management made a statement.

The President of the Staff Committee also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba, Algeria, Zimbabwe, Canada and Pakistan.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, Botswana and Kuwait.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, China, Algeria, Cuba, Colombia, Costa Rica, Singapore and Portugal as well as by the Chairman.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Relating to the Protection of Victims of Armed Conflicts (A/51/215 and Corr. 1 and Add.1) [142]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Sweden and Switzerland and by the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Chairman made a statement.

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